

ABSTRACT

A data distribution system which enables distribution of data that is suitable for specifications of an information terminal from an information provider apparatus, and which can perform an appropriate charging process for the distributed data. The data distribution system includes an information terminal which automatically transmits specifications of the information terminal when transmitting an information provision request which requests distribution of information. The data distribution system also includes an information provider apparatus which receives the information provision request and the information terminal specifications from the information terminal, converts data corresponding to the received information provision request so as to conform to the specifications of the information terminal, transmits the converted data to the information terminal, decides the amount of charges according to the contents of the data transmitted to the information terminal, and charges the information user using the information terminal.